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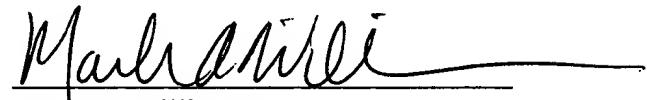
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Applicants submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on March 14, 2003, citing several documents, which were listed in an Information Disclosure Citation form (Form PTO-1449). The Examiner indicated consideration of most of these documents by initialing and returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449. However, the Examiner did not indicate consideration of European Patent Application No. 0 863 479 on

the Form PTO-1449. It is requested that the Examiner indicate such consideration by completely initialing and returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 provided with that Information Disclosure Statement. A duplicate of that form, partially-initialed, is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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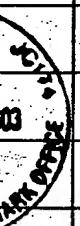
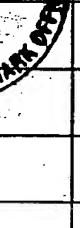
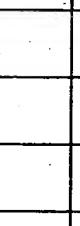
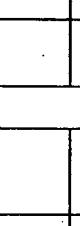
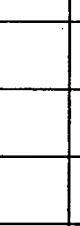
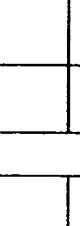
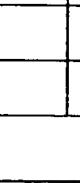
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